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## New Comment Submission

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A new comment has been submitted at [socotransmission.com](http://www.socotransmission.com).

### COMMENT

#### Meeting Attended:

I was not able to attend a meeting

#### Important Issues:

Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation), Water Resources (Floodplains, River Crossings), Historic and Cultural Sites, Radio or Television Interference, Noise, Health and Safety, Project Purpose and Need, Biological Resources, Visual / Aesthetic Resources, Proximity to Residences

#### Property Uses:

Agriculture, Residential

#### Comment:

- I-233-001** To begin with I am not entirely sure when we were going to be notified of the impending project. If it were not for one of the neighbors we would be completely oblivious of a project that will be directly using our property. The mere fact that we have been kept uninformed greatly aggravates me. The property owners Jim and Sue Kimbrough are both elderly, and retired. In my opinion you seem to be taking advantage of people that can not otherwise help themselves. As their grandson I am furious that my helpless grandparents were unknowingly in the midst of a project that can ultimately destroy their peaceful retirement. My grandparents are not the only ones who have been taken advantage of, Sue Schaumen the neighbor right down the road, an elderly widow is in the same position. It does not stop there another widow down the street was unaware until she stumbled across the information in recent days. This alone seems like a major political error. The fact that helpless senior citizens have been kept out of the loop for so long is just wrong, if anything they should have been one of the first to know of such a project. The Kimbrough property lies on 88 acres at 5201 Cr. 442 La Veta, and has been in the family since 1997. The property has been a constant source of joy, happiness, and fellowship since its acquisition. Starting in late April/early May of each year the property is inhabited at all times, and at many times with more than five guests. Each year we stay on the property as long as possible until we are forced to come home due to weather or previous appointments, this is usually around mid-October. During our stay the property is used for recreational use such as hiking, biking, ATV use, and family reunions. The time spent on the property is always the best portion of the year, the rest of the time is spent in Houston, TX waiting for the day we get to return. We have kept the property in pristine condition, because we enjoy the peace and serenity that comes with the great natural beauty. Nevertheless, I was appalled to hear that such a project as this was even being considered. I understand the fact that power is a necessity throughout the region, just the transportation of the power is my problem. Our land and the bordering properties are always bustling with activity. If our property was lightly used or did not have a home on it I would be less likely to react so strongly. The fact of the matter is this year we started creating plans to build a nice large home on a spot of land that was created for that sole purpose. The proposed route for the line would put the small 5 acre block of land suitable for construction too close to the transmission wires. Even now the lines will be no further than 200 yards from the existing cabin. This project would DESTROY the value, beauty, and current use of a PRICELESS and IRREPLACEABLE piece of property that someday I Cameron Tipton, the heir to the property, dreamed of
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- I-233-003**
- I-233-004**

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### I-233-001: Public Involvement Process (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. The project is in the planning and environmental review stages. Current project information will be available on the RUS project website, <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm> and the Utilities' project website, <http://www.socotransmission.com/>.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

### I-233-002: Environmental Justice (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Environmental justice topics and mitigation measures related to the proposed project will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

### I-233-003: Land Use (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to land use from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

### I-233-004: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential environmental consequences and mitigation measures from the proposed project will be addressed in the Environmental Impact

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f calling home. I ask that you DO NOT use our property as a transmission line corridor, but instead have the lines run along Highway 160 were it would affect only ONE home in the area as opposed to the many that would become uninhabitable by the unsightly lines. Please do not underestimate the fight my ENTIRE family will put up to stop the current plans from destroying what has been our pride and joy for so many years.

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<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

**I-233-005: Route Refinement > SLV-Calumet (In Review)**

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Route refinement for the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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